

Seven Nights in Arunachal: Tawang, Ziro & Tribal Encounters

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Destination

North-East



Duration

7 Nights 8 Days



Starting from

Rs. 36,500 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

↙ **Dirang · 1N**

↙ **Tawang · 3N**

↙ **Bomdila · 1N**

↙ **Ziro · 2N**

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Overview

An immersive North-East tour package designed for travelers seeking a blend of high-altitude Buddhist spirituality, living tribal culture and scenic Himalayan drives. This North-East Pilgrimage tour package covers iconic monasteries, serene valleys and authentic tribal encounters across Arunachal Pradesh. Perfect for travelers looking for a compact yet comprehensive 7 and 8 North-East Pilgrimage tour package experience.

Highlights:

- Tawang Monastery – One of the largest Buddhist monasteries in India
- Sela Pass & Sela Lake – High-altitude pass with panoramic views
- Bum La / Madhuri Lake viewpoint – Border-area vistas (permit required)
- Dirang & Bomdila – Hillstation charm and Apatani cultural glimpses
- Ziro Valley & Apatani Tribal Villages – UNESCO-style paddy-cum-pine landscapes and traditional tribal life
- Tribal Encounters & Cultural Walks – Meet Apatani and Nyishi communities

Note: High-altitude sections involve long drives; acclimatize and carry warm layers. Inner-line permits (ILP) are mandatory for Arunachal Pradesh and will be assisted by the operator.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 7 nights as per the itinerary (twin/double sharing)
- ✓ Daily breakfasts and selected meals (as specified in the detailed package)
- ✓ All transfers and sightseeing by an experienced driver in a comfortable vehicle suitable for hilly terrain
- ✓ Inner-Line Permits (ILP) assistance and necessary paperwork support
- ✓ Local guide for cultural/tribal village visits in Ziro and Tawang
- ✓ All applicable hotel taxes
- ✓ Emergency assistance and 24/7 local support
- ✓ Note: Permit approval depends on authorities; early booking is recommended.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ Flights or train to/from Guwahati/Tezpur
- ✗ Travel insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Personal expenses (soft drinks, laundry, telephone calls)
- ✗ Special permit fees for Bum La/Bumla (if opted) and any additional administrative charges
- ✗ Entry fees at monuments where applicable
- ✗ Tips to drivers/guides and any cost arising due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, route closures)
- ✗ Tip: Carry warm layers, a basic first-aid kit, and sufficient cash for remote areas.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival at Tezpur/Guwahati and Transfer to Dirang

Arrive at Tezpur/Guwahati (early flight recommended). Meet and drive towards Dirang, a scenic hill town en route to Tawang. Enjoy stops at river viewpoints and local villages. Evening at leisure to acclimatize.

Important: Allow time for rests during the drive. Distance covers mountain roads; travel times may vary.

Day

2

Dirang: Hot Springs, Apple Orchards & Local Markets

Explore Dirang—visit the Dirang Monastery, natural hot springs, and stroll through apple orchards and the local market. Optional short nature walks to enjoy terraced fields and mountain vistas.

Tip: Try local Arunachali tea and buy traditional handicrafts from the market.

Day

3

Drive to Tawang via Sela Pass — Crossing High-Altitude Landscapes

Embark early for the drive up to Tawang crossing the iconic Sela Pass and Sela Lake. Stop for panoramic photos at the pass. Continue to Jaswant Garh War Memorial and reach Tawang by late afternoon. Evening free to stroll around the town.

Note: This day includes high-altitude travel (~13,700 ft at Sela). Keep hydrated and carry warm clothing.

Day

4

Tawang: Monastery, Local Culture & War Memorial

Full-day local sightseeing in Tawang. Visit the majestic Tawang Monastery (Gaden Namgyal Lhatse), explore the monastery complex and museums. Visit Tawang War Memorial and enjoy viewpoints overlooking the valley. Evening cultural interaction or local monastery chants (subject to availability).

Tip: Respect monastic customs — modest clothing and quiet photography in certain areas.

Day

5

Optional Bum La / Madhuri Lake Excursion or Leisure Day in Tawang

Choose an optional excursion to Bum La (requires special permit and may be weather-dependent) or enjoy a relaxed day visiting local handicraft shops, nearby lakes and viewpoints. Drive partway to scenic spots for photography.

Important: Bum La is a border area — permits and military checks apply. Alternative: visit local monasteries or relax in town.

Day

6

Tawang to Bomdila: Hills, Forests & Small Town Charms

After breakfast, depart Tawang and descend through scenic forested routes to Bomdila. En route, enjoy views of rivers, pine-clad slopes and small tribal settlements. Evening visit to Bomdila monastery and local market.

Tip: Carry some cash; ATMs may be limited in smaller towns.

Day

7

Bomdila to Ziro: Enter the Apatani Heartland

Drive from Bomdila towards Ziro Valley, a cultural heartland of the Apatani tribe. Arrive and check into your homestay or eco-lodge. Late afternoon guided walk through paddy-cum-pine landscapes and a visit to a traditional Apatani village to learn about sustainable farming and cultural practices.

Highlight: Ziro's landscape offers a unique mix of rice fields, pine forests and living tribal settlements—perfect for photography and cultural immersion.

Day

8

Ziro: Tribal Encounters, Markets & Departure to Guwahati

Morning visit to the local weekly market (if schedule aligns), tribal homestays and craft centers to meet local artisans. After lunch, depart for Guwahati (or proceed to your onward destination). Arrive at Guwahati by evening for late-night flights or overnight stay (based on your plan).

Note: Travel time to Guwahati can be long; plan flights accordingly. We can customize a late-night stay in Guwahati if required.

🔗 Frequently Asked Questions

🔗 What is the best time to visit Northeast India?

The ideal time to visit Northeast India is October to April when the weather is pleasant and dry. October–November offers post-monsoon freshness with clear skies, perfect for sightseeing and outdoor activities. December–February brings cool, crisp weather ideal for exploring hill stations like Gangtok, Shillong, and Tawang. March–April features blooming rhododendrons and comfortable temperatures. Avoid June–September monsoon season as heavy rainfall can disrupt travel plans, cause landslides, and make roads inaccessible. However, if you're interested in experiencing lush green landscapes and don't mind occasional showers, post-monsoon September can be beautiful. For specific festivals like Hornbill Festival in Nagaland (December) or cherry blossoms in Shillong (November), plan accordingly. Winter temperatures range from 5–20°C in hills and 10–25°C in plains.

❓ **How can I reach Northeast India from major Indian cities?**

Air travel is the most convenient option with Guwahati (Assam) serving as the main gateway, connected to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bangalore. Other airports include Bagdogra (for Sikkim), Imphal, Agartala, Dibrugarh, and Dimapur. From Guwahati, you can reach other states by road or connecting flights. Train connectivity exists to Guwahati, New Jalpaiguri (for Sikkim), and Agartala via broad gauge lines. The Rajdhani Express connects Guwahati to Delhi. Road access is possible via NH27 through West Bengal and NH37. For Sikkim, fly to Bagdogra then drive 4 hours to Gangtok. Many tourists prefer flying to Guwahati and then taking domestic flights or hiring vehicles for interstate travel. Book flights in advance as options are limited and prices can be higher than other destinations.

❓ **Do I need special permits to visit Northeast states?**

Permit requirements vary by state and visitor nationality. Indian citizens need Inner Line Permits (ILP) for Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Nagaland, obtainable online or at checkpoints. Manipur requires ILP for certain areas. No permits needed for Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Sikkim for Indians. Foreign nationals need Protected Area Permits (PAP) for Arunachal Pradesh, obtained through registered tour operators with 30-day advance application. Sikkim requires permits for certain areas like Nathula Pass and North Sikkim. For group travel, tour operators usually handle permit procedures. Apply online through official state websites or at designated counters in Delhi, Kolkata, and Guwahati. Carry multiple passport-size photos and ID proofs. Permits are usually processed within 2–7 days. Some border areas may have additional restrictions, so check current regulations before travel.

❓ **What are the local transportation options within Northeast states?**

Shared taxis and sumos are the most common intercity transport, especially in hilly regions like Sikkim and Meghalaya. State transport buses connect major towns but can be crowded and slow. Private buses offer better comfort for longer routes. In cities, auto-rickshaws, cycle-rickshaws, and local taxis are available. App-based cabs operate in Guwahati, Shillong, and Gangtok. For sightseeing, hiring a private car with driver is recommended, costing ₹2,500–4,000 per day depending on the vehicle and distance. Motorcycle rentals are popular in Sikkim and Meghalaya among adventure travelers. River transport exists in Assam via ferries across Brahmaputra. Helicopter services operate in Sikkim for scenic tours. Book vehicles in advance during peak season. Mountain roads can be challenging, so experienced local drivers are advisable. Fuel stations may be sparse in remote areas.

❓ **What types of accommodation are available and where should I stay?**

Northeast India offers diverse accommodation from luxury resorts to budget homestays. Government tourism properties provide good value with basic amenities. Luxury options include Taj Tashi (Thimphu), Mayfair Hotels (Gangtok, Shillong), and heritage properties. Mid-range hotels are abundant in major towns. Homestays are popular, especially in Sikkim, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh, offering authentic cultural experiences at ₹1,000–3,000 per night. Stay in Gangtok for Sikkim exploration, Shillong for Meghalaya, Guwahati for Assam, Itanagar for Arunachal Pradesh. In remote areas, government guest houses and forest rest houses are available but require advance booking. Eco-lodges near national parks offer nature experiences. During festivals, book well in advance as accommodation fills quickly. Many properties offer package deals including meals and local sightseeing. Check for hot water availability in hill stations during winter months.

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Northeast India?**

Top attractions include Kaziranga National Park (Assam) for one-horned rhinos, Tawang Monastery (Arunachal Pradesh) – India's largest monastery, and Nathula Pass (Sikkim) on the Indo-China border. Shillong, the 'Scotland of East,' offers colonial charm and living root bridges in Cherrapunji. Majuli Island (Assam) is the world's largest river island with unique culture. Hornbill Festival (Nagaland) showcases tribal heritage. Loktak Lake (Manipur) features floating islands. Unakoti (Tripura) has ancient rock carvings. Adventure seekers enjoy river rafting in Arunachal Pradesh, trekking in Sikkim's Goecha La, and caving in Meghalaya's Mawsmai Caves. Tea gardens in Assam and Sikkim offer scenic beauty. Sikkim's Rumtek Monastery and Gangtok's MG Marg are cultural highlights. Each state offers unique experiences – from wildlife safaris to monastery visits and tribal village interactions.

❓ **What local foods and cuisines should I try in Northeast India?**

Northeast cuisine is unique, featuring rice as staple with minimal spices and extensive use of herbs, bamboo shoots, and fermented ingredients. Must-try dishes include Assam's fish curry with khar (alkaline preparation), Sikkim's momos and thukpa, Nagaland's smoked pork with black sesame, and Manipur's Eromba (vegetable curry). Meghalaya's Jadoh (rice with meat) and Mizoram's Bai (vegetable stew) are local favorites. Fermented fish, bamboo shoot pickles, and bhut jolokia (ghost pepper) add distinctive flavors. Sikkimese cuisine shows Tibetan influence with gundruk (fermented leafy greens) and chhurpi (yak cheese). Try local rice beer, particularly Sikkim's chang and Assam's rice wine. Street food includes Assam's pitha (rice cakes) and various tribal preparations. Many dishes might be unfamiliar to outsiders, so start with milder options. Vegetarian options are available but limited in tribal areas. Local restaurants and homestays offer authentic experiences.

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Gunjan Tiwari

★★★★☆ 4/5

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Traveling to the North-East was an enriching experience for me. The diverse ecosystems and cultures made the trip memorable. Highly recommend exploring this region!



Ranbir Choudhury

★★★★★ 5/5

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Sourabh Yadav

★★★★★ 5/5

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Akanksha Mehta

★★★★☆ 4/5

Adventure Awaits in North-East

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